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Buyu language

Buyu, or **Buyi**, is a Bantu language of Lake Tanganyika that is closely related to Nyanga.

Buyu	
Native to	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Region	South Kivu–Katanga
Native speakers	10,000 (2002)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Bantoid ▪ Bantu (Zone D) ▪ Nyanga–Buyi ▪ **Buyu**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`byi`
Glottolog	`buyu1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/buyu1239)`[2]
Guthrie code	`D.55`[3]

Former ISO coding problems

A "Bemba" language of South Kivu was listed in *Ethnologue* 17 as ISO code [bmy].[4] However, the name, *Kinyabemba*, is the language of the *Banyabemba*, one of the tribes that speak Buyu. (It is not the Bemba language of Zambia.) "Songa" [sgo][5] is another Buyu-speaking tribe rather than a distinct language. "Buya" [byy] is unidentified, but may be a typo for Buyu. The codes were retired in 2014.

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